

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A portable washing device, comprising:

a bottom wall constructed from an impermeable material;

a plurality of inflatable side walls constructed from an impermeable material connected to and extending upwardly from said bottom wall defining an interior cavity, wherein said plurality of inflatable side walls include a lower inflatable tubular member constructed from an impermeable material connected to and extending around said bottom wall, and an upper inflatable tubular member having first and second ends, said upper tubular member being stacked upon and connected to said lower tubular member, said upper tubular member extending around a majority of said lower tubular member, wherein said tubular members ~~defines~~ define, in cooperation with said bottom wall, a basin; [[and]]

an opening disposed in one of said plurality of side walls for accessing said interior cavity from a position exterior of said side walls, said ends of said upper tubular member defining said opening;

~~an inflatable head support structure secured to said bottom wall adjacent said opening;~~
and

~~wherein said~~ a connection formed by or between an external surface of said upper inflatable tubular member and an external surface of said lower inflatable tubular ~~members~~ member ~~extends~~ extending along a majority of the external surface of said upper tubular member and ~~includes~~ including a center line, said connection including at least one segment disposed transverse to said center line ~~that prevents~~ for connection reinforcement to prevent separation of said upper tubular member from said lower tubular member when a force is applied from said opening to said first or second upper tubular member end along said center line, wherein said segment of the connection between the external surface of said lower tubular member and the

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external surface of said upper tubular member at either of said ends of said upper tubular member is formed as a teardrop shaped heat seal.

2-8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 1, wherein said tubular members are approximately the same dimension.

10. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 1, wherein said tubular members are circular in cross-section.

11-13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 28, further including a drain outlet in fluid communication with said interior cavity; and

a resealable valve operable to allow fluid to drain through said drain outlet, and further operable to prohibit fluid from draining through said drain outlet.

15-23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 1, further comprising a resealable air valve disposed in pneumatic communication with said plurality of inflatable side walls, said resealable air valve connectable to a source of air to inflate said side walls, and operable to deflate said side walls.

25. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 1, further comprising a drain outlet in fluid communication with said interior cavity of said basin.

26. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 25, further comprising a resealable valve operable to allow fluid to drain through said drain outlet, and further operable to prohibit fluid from draining through said drain outlet.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently amended) A portable washing device, comprising:
a bottom wall constructed from an impermeable material, the bottom wall having an outer perimeter;

a lower inflatable tubular member constructed from an impermeable material connected to and extending around said perimeter of said bottom wall;

an upper inflatable tubular member having first and second ends, said upper inflatable tubular member being stacked upon said lower tubular member and extending around a majority of said lower tubular member such that an opening is created between the first and second ends, said opening permitting access from a position exterior of said tubular members to an interior cavity formed by said tubular members and said bottom wall;

~~an inflatable head support structure secured to said bottom wall adjacent said opening;~~
and

a seam interconnecting an external surface of the upper inflatable tubular member and an external surface of the lower inflatable tubular member, wherein said seam ~~extending~~ has a center line and extends along a majority of the external surface of said upper tubular member and ~~having a center line~~ terminates at seam reinforcement portions at its ends, wherein said seam reinforcement portions are configured for preventing separation of said upper tubular member from said lower tubular member when a force is applied from said opening against said first or second upper inflatable tubular member end along the seam center line.

29-30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently amended) A portable washing device, comprising:

a bottom wall constructed from an impermeable material, the bottom wall having an outer perimeter;

a lower inflatable layer constructed from an impermeable material and connected to and extending around said perimeter of said bottom wall;

an upper inflatable layer having first and second ends, said upper inflatable layer being stacked upon said lower tubular member and extending around a majority of said lower inflatable layer such that an opening is formed between the first and second ends, said opening permitting access from a position exterior of said side walls to an interior cavity formed by said inflatable layers and said bottom wall;

~~an inflatable head support structure secured to said bottom wall adjacent said opening;~~
~~and~~

a connection formed by or between an external surface of said upper inflatable layer and an external surface of said lower inflatable layer that connects the external surface of said upper layer to the external surface of said lower layer, said connection extending along a majority of the external surface of said upper inflatable layer and having a center line[[],]; and

means for preventing the separation of the external surface of said upper inflatable layer from the external surface of said lower inflatable layer when a force is applied from said opening against said first or second upper inflatable layer end along said connection center line that would otherwise separate said upper inflatable layer from said lower inflatable layer absent said means for preventing the separation of the external surface of said upper inflatable layer from the external surface of said lower inflatable layer, wherein said means includes an increased

cross-sectional contact area of the connection in proximity of the ends of the upper inflatable layer as compared to the remaining portion of the connection.

32. (Withdrawn) The device of Claim 31, wherein said connection is an adhesive layer.

33. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 31, wherein said connection is formed by a heat seal.

34. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 31, wherein said means includes a portion of increased connection area disposed at said first and second ends.

35. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 34, wherein said portion has a bulbous shape.

36. (New) The device of Claim 1, further comprising an inflatable head support structure secured to said bottom wall adjacent said opening.

37. (New) The device of Claim 28, further comprising an inflatable head support structure secured to said bottom wall adjacent said opening.

38. (New) The device of Claim 31, further comprising an inflatable head support structure secured to said bottom wall adjacent said opening.